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SKORZENY DENIES YOUSSEF KIDNAP PLOT

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(Excerpts)

Madrid--Otto Skorzeny, former German SS leader who carried out the dramatic parachute rescue of Mussolini in 1944, denied reports tonight that he has been approached by the Arab League in Cairo with a view to a similar operation to kidnap exiled Moroccan Sultan Sidi Muhammad Ben Youssef. Skorzeny now lives in Madrid.

Questioned by an AFP correspondent tonight about foreign press reports that he had been offered some 150,000 dollars to carry out the operation the former colonel burst into laughter. He pointed out that he is now living a strictly commercial life in Madrid. No such offer has reached him, he said.

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